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FLAGSTEAD SHOWED BASEBALL ABILITY BEFORE HE WALKED

Jennings's Young Outfielder Was Bear With Rattle in Baby League—Ira Makes Good With Tigers After Only Two Years in Minors

A QUARTER century ago, way up in Montague, Mich., a certain father drew the assignment of minding his infant son while the mother went on a shopping tour.

From among the assortment of the many toys which are used as bribes to keep the peace in the realm of infants the father picked a rattle in the shape of a round ball.

With the rattle in his hands the baby was contented. He took great delight in examining the toy and shaking it. Then as if tired of it, he drew back his little arm and clenched it against the side of the carriage.

In the little white rattle the father saw the crystal glass of the future when his son had grown up in physique and the affairs of men.

"Well, you can never tell," he said, "but I think he'll be a ball player. He's a right hander and has a great arm. But at that he has a great voice for an amputee, as he's as crabby as one."

THAT infant terrible was Ira Flagstead, who has worked his way from the rattle until now, twenty-five years later, he is playing a rattling good game in eight fields for Mr. Frank Navin, Mr. Hughie Jennings and the Detroit Tigers.

League Player Only Three Years

THERE was nothing really remarkable in the early career of the new Detroit star, for it was not until three years ago that he broke into league ball.

Flagstead's hitting has been the talk of the league and base-runners are getting a healthy respect for his throwing arm. Proof of the strength of Ira's arm can be had from Bobby Roth.

Three years ago Flagstead was a recruit in the Northwestern League with the Tacoma club, and now he's up among the leaders in the race for the American League batting honors.

These figures show how the newcomer has been slugging the ball during the last week:

Table with columns: Games, A.B., R., H., S.B., Ave. Rows for Last Week's Record, This Week's Record, and Record for One Week.

All three of Jennings's regular outfielders are among the first six batters in the Johnson circuit. The combination of Veach, Cobb and Flagstead is as good, if not better, than any outfield in the league.

Takes Horace Greeley's Advice

WHEN he was sixteen years old young Flagstead graduated from the sandlot nines to the town team at Montague, but after playing one season he dropped out of the club and the town.

He went to Olympia, Wash., where he proceeded to forget baseball and think about clearing up a fortune overnight.

Talk of his ability reached the ears of the bosses of the Tacoma club, and in 1917 Flagstead's name was placed at the bottom of a contract.

He was recalled by Jennings before the beginning of the present season and was taken South on the spring training trip.

Luck was a little kind to the one-time crying Ira. It so happened that Jennings was in need of an outfielder.

CHICK SHORTEN had been obtained from the Red Sox in the trade that sent Vint to Boston, and Jennings possessed the idea that Chick would be his regular right fielder.

Shorten's Loss Is Flagstead's Gain

SHORTEN injured his leg near the end of the training trip, and although he got into the first game of the season against the Indians, he was forced to retire and then Flagstead was called upon.

Many other ball players with batting averages almost as big as Flagstead's have come up from the side shows and failed under the big awning.

FLAGSTEAD is not only fast on his feet, a hard hitter and a good thrower, but he is cool. He has faced some trying situations and has proved that his head isn't merely a place to put his hat.

GUSSIE LEWIS STOPPED

Benny Valgar Knocked Out Kensington Lightweight in Second Round. Lawell, Mass., June 26.—Benny Valgar knocked Gussie Lewis, the crack Quaker City featherweight, into dreamland in the second round of a scheduled twelve-round bout here last night.

Cuban Stars Forfeit. Atlantic City, N. J., June 27.—One of the scheduled games this season, scheduled for the Cuban Stars to play at the Olympic stadium, was forfeited on account of rain, at which time the Cuban Stars had a 2-0 advantage.

SHIBE PARK, 3:30 P. M. Athletics vs. Washington. Tickets, 50c, 25c, 10c and 5c. Reserved at Gimble's and Spaulding's. HERE TODAY

WONDER WHAT A 15-MONTHS-OLD BABY THINKS ABOUT

Comic strip with four panels showing a baby's thoughts about music, dancing, and food. Includes text like 'I've learned to dance just like my sister' and 'I'm mighty strange how that thing makes such pretty music'.

ROSS MAINSTAY OF U. S. MERMEN

Coast Swimmer Expected to Score Heavily in Interallied Water Competition. Bright prospects face the American army swimmers who sailed for France recently to take part in the inter-allied water carnival at Joinville-le-Pont, near Paris, June 24 to July 6.

STARS IN ALL EVENTS

The inter-allied card includes free style races at 100, 400, 800 and 1500 meters, back stroke at 100 meters, breast stroke at 200 meters, and relay contest at 400 meters for teams of four.

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SULLIVAN AND FITZ CHAMPIONS WHO HAD POPULACE WITH THEM

Popularity of Former Ring Kings in Distinct Contrast to Popular Appeal Made by Present Incumbent, Jess Willard—Dempsey Has Following

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To Sport In you feel the Pulse of Life; In you I see Art and Romance; Born where red-flowing blood is rife, Of Courage—and the Goddess Chance; The call on Nerve and Brain and Heart Where each in turn must do its part.

You've shown the fickleness of Fame, How brief the laurel's fleeting day, The emptiness of all acclaim; That greets the player—and the play; How one at morning knows the height, But passes, long forgot, by night.

You've shown the fickleness of Fame, But with it the eternal worth Of one who dares to play the Game Beyond the scorers of the earth; Who sees above the din and roar A dream beyond the final score.

But more than all you hold the heart Around the morning time of life; For you are Youth along life's chart, No matter how the years are rife; You are the thrill that stalks the moors, The open road—the great outdoors.

New Champions

"MOST people are pulling for Dempsey to win," remarks a contemporary, "for the simple reason that most people always want to see a new champion, as they soon get tired of the old."

Not always. We recall dimly and faintly, almost as belonging to another existence, the vast anguish that arose when James J. Corbett replaced John Lawrence Sullivan.

About the only one in the nation pulling for Sullivan to lose, as we recall the bygone details, was J. J. Corbett. Nor was there any great demonstration of joy when Jim Jeffries knocked out Bob Fitzsimmons.

SULLIVAN and Fitz, particularly, carried a wide popular appeal. They both had the populace with them. Willard has never been the Popular Champion type, and while few know anything about Dempsey, most of them are willing to take a chance on a switch.

Pulling for the Reds IN THE same way, for some mysterious reason, you'll find a rolling tide of folks pulling lustily for the Cincinnati Reds.

There is, first of all, the old human yearning to observe the under dog rise up and start something.

Then, again, Cincinnati has done more than her share in the past in the way of building up other pennant winners. She gave Sam Crawford to Detroit, Mathewson and Donlin to New York, Overall and Steinfeldt to Chicago, Dode Luskert to Philadelphia, Lohitzell to Boston, and many others who helped produce pennant-winning clubs.

Year after year the Reds have made threatening gestures in May, only to collapse and sink by June. They even drove Hank O'Day back to umpiring. But here, after a forty-five-year lapse, they are romping along in second place around the pink edge of July. This in itself is one of the most spectacular turns of many years.

IF YOU don't think so and have no other way of killing time, examine the July standing of the clubs between 1875 and 1919.

Random Observations

AREPATION for nerve very often develops because the other fellow had an off day.

TOUGH luck rarely stops an entry who is willing to accept it as part of the game. But how many do?

THE pitcher's box isn't the only spot in existence where a change of pace produces results.

WELL, so it goes. Between 1910 and 1916 Philadelphia put forward five pennant winners, including three world series champions. Now look and see what carbuncle Fate has slipped her for a change.

If you don't believe that thirteen is a numerical output of rasping luck, ask old John Wesley Coombs. His ball club only recently lost thirteen games.

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